

SENATE BILL 3863
By Ford, O.

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29
and Title 48, relative to tort liability of certain
charities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29, Chapter 34, Part 2 is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

29-34-___. It shall not constitute a defense to any cause of action based on tort
brought against a corporation or its employees that the corporation is, or at the time the
cause of action arose was, a charity for purposes of Internal Revenue Code, Section
501(c)(3); provided that if the tort was committed in the course of any activity carried on
to accomplish the charitable purposes of such corporation, liability in any such cause of
action will not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000). The provisions of this
section shall be limited to Section 501(c)(3) corporations that have provided charitable
services in Tennessee for at least twenty (20) years.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.